—Black Caucus

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cent of all service contracts, which include concessions, parking, advertising, security management, etc. during the operational phase be awarded to minorities with a goal of not less than fifteen percent of the contracts to blacks.

— Fifty to sixty percent of the non-professional employment be awarded to minorities with a goal of not less than fifty percent of such employment to blacks.

— That legal services in connection with all public or private bond offerings of Authority bonds, be performed by black Maryland law firms with preference given to independent black lawyers or law firms.

According to Herbert Belgrad, chairman of the Stadium Authority at no time during the negotiations, did the Authority ask the legislators for a vote on the stadium bills.

"We moved forward because it was right and we asked legislators to vote their conscience," he said.

On March 16, 1987, a bi-racial Special Committee on Minority Business Enterprise Goals, chaired by City Solicitor Benjamin Brown met with the Authority and made its evaluation of the proposed minority goals which were submitted to the Authority by the Caucus.

After receiving the committee's recommendations, Belgrad, who appointed the group, then convened a meeting with the Authority and the specific goals were accepted.

The Stadium Authority is also expected to establish training and apprenticeship programs to familiarize and expose minorities to full-time job opportunities within the Authority and its operations.

These training and feeder programs will include summer employment and part-time jobs associated with stadium events.

An advisory committee will also be appointed by the Authority to serve as a watchdog group, which will monitor the implementation of the goals and recommend modifications, if needed.

On Friday, April 3, the stadium legislation passed out of the House.

One week prior to the passage of the stadium bills, Del. Anderson wrote a resolution and circulated the document among Caucus members to sample poll their support of the agreement.

"Out of 27 Caucus members, we knew we would have at least 21 or 22, but in the final vote, we exceeded that number," said Rawlings.

Del. Ralph Hughes (D-40) and Del. Samuel I. Rosenberg (D-42) were the only two city delegates voting against the three stadium bills which easily passed out of the House last week. Hughes also refused to sign the resolution.

"I had three reasons for not signing the resolution," said Hughes. "Anything of that magnitude should be put into law. Why should a state with one third of its population black continue to bargain for things which should rightfully be theirs. And lastly, the promises are basically unenforceable," he said.

—New top cop

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torney Juanita Mitchell and many others.

The highlight of the program was of course the oath of office as Mrs. Tilghman held the Bible for the swearing-in of her husband while Circuit Court Judge Edgar Silver administered.

Bishop L. Robinson, now secretary for the Maryland Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services presented the badge of office to his successor.

Robinson stated that reaching as high as he could was his goal, but reaching back to someone else was his practice.

After the explanation of the oath of office and the swearing-in, the second black police commissioner, Edward J. Tilghman gave thanks to all those who were positive in his climb to success. Tilghman's commitment to excellence includes continual fights against what Tilghman believes to be the two worst major problems of this city; drugs and handguns.

In the past, Tilghman explained that efforts to fight crime was strengthened by the help of the community through "block watches" and "Metro-crime stoppers." Tilghman will continue with citizen help and focus more on the private and public sector of Baltimore.

Tilghman believes in providing adequate training and employment for people, this eliminates many petty crimes. Tilghman looks forward to his duty as police commissioner and ensures the citizens of Baltimore that the Police Department will continue its effort to protect its citizens.

—Constant Care

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Also, as a fund-raiser, R. B. Jones, of the Baltimore AFRO will put on a play at Jazz Closet, 216 W. Franklin St. The play is called "Sunday" and is scheduled for Sunday, April 12 at 7 p.m. The admission fee is $10.

This play is suggested for mature audiences.

According to Ms. Sjodin, the plight of Constant Care Center in regard to its future will not be known until April 15. She stated, "As far as operation is concerned, everything is absolutely normal. The patient load is as usual."

All three Baltimore Constant Care Centers are open every day. Additionally, the Division Street and Mondawmin locations are open on alternate Saturdays.

The three locations of Constant Care Center in Baltimore are Mondawmin, 1501 Division St., and Mund-Kirk at 2149 Kirk Ave. in east Baltimore.

—NAACP

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Upcoming events include events to honor significant achievers in the Baltimore area, birthday celebration events, awards programs and the 2nd annual Freedom Day sponsored by the NAACP Harlem Park youth Council.

According to Buntin the NAACP is still working and striving to help communities locally and nationally. The help needed for their fundraiser will allow the NAACP to hold and sponsor larger and even better functions for this community.

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—Schaefer

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that was a campaign issue of the highest priority.

I have already supplied the money and I will supply the money to help schools, he said, so I'm all right."

When asked does he intend to endorse Mayor Clarence H. "Du" Burns he said, "Let me put it this way, I don't want to saddle "Du" with the idea that I'm running the city from the state because that is important to him.

"But, Du Burns is the most qualified from the standpoint of knowing how to run the city. He is the only one who has been elected to a legislative office. There are people who have been elected to the judiciary, but the legal arm does not have the experience to run a city — so there is only one man, so far, that is really qualified to run the city," said Schaefer.

Commenting on whether the current mayor needs his help to bolster his tailing position in the polls, Schaefer said, "He does not need my help. I can't make it any more clear than that about who I feel is qualified."

But the governor said he will not be endorsing Burns because he has not asked for his endorsement. He also added, "I don't expect to."

Schaefer recalled a time when as mayor of Baltimore, the terms, "black and white" were not used to connote the races. "That all changed when Judge Billy Murphy ran for mayor — he decided it was going to be two cities, that was the turning point in dividing the city," he claimed.

But the governor then recites a litany of work done on behalf of the city — the other city which he has been charged with neglecting and causing a complete decay.

"Once, it got so bad that the U.S. Civil rights Commission came in to investigate us. When the commission came in, it gave me an opportunity to prepare the documents on what the city had done for the black community," he remembered.

He then asserted that the participants in the Summer Youth Programs were eighty-five to ninety percent black kids. He also claimed that most of the public housing built in the city went to black people.

"So we really had concentrated on the people who were in need — the needy," he said.

Some claim that Schaefer has mellowed since becoming governor. Today, he steps out from behind a massive wood desk and relaxes in a seat with his legs crossed.

He does not smile very often as he speaks, but neither does his infamous temper surface. "Just be fair, try to meet me half-way," he said with piercing eyes.

When he is asked whether he believed that the General Assembly went easy on him, instead of cutting him off at the knees he said, "They did not 'cut me off at the knees," because my programs were good. Schaefer also said he plans a two-term governorship because to say otherwise would make him look like a "lame duck."

On the contrary, he said, "I look forward to implementing many exciting and interesting plans for the state."

Despite his early, relatively easy achievements this session — namely his much coveted stadia, Schaefer appeared a bit wistful when he talks about his past.

He insisted that he is still a man of simple tastes. An oil painting of his home on Edgewood St. hangs on the wall of his office, perhaps as a constant reminder of a life other than the new one in Annapolis.

"I really would not have to come in contact with one single person," said Schaefer, who described the aloofness of life as governor. He maintained that he must daily fight to stay close to the common people because he could change overnight.

"In the Governor's Mansion, I have butlers, maids, cooks," he said. "When I get ready to leave my office, all I have to do is have my two bodyguards escort me back to the mansion, I wouldn't have to see anyone," he said.

But that is not what he wants. Those closest to him say the only time the governor spends a night in the mansion is when he has late engagements in the evening and early meetings in the morning.

Otherwise he treks back to his home on Edgewood St., which sits in the predominantly black Edmondson Village area. "Do they make a fuss over you?" asks the AFRO.

"No, they just say, 'Hey, what's happening, mayor?'," he said.

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—Sandra Craig

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Sexual Assault Center said that during a session to discuss proper touching with one of the children said to have been abused, the child said she had been "touched under her panties."

Also according to Mrs. Burke, the child said Mrs. Craig probed her private parts with a stick, kicked her on the legs and the crotch and stuck her arms and legs with thumb tacks to give her "spider bites."

Mrs. Craig told the AFRO that she didn't even own a pointer. Referring to charges that abuse of the children were allegedly done in the park-like woods of her estate. Mrs. Craig said the children were never taken outside the fence which separates a lavish $15,000 playground complete with swimming pool for the use of the children from other areas.

"No way could they have ever gone over there without being clustered with poison ivy, poison oak or eting weed."

Craig, who maintained her composure throughout the first of a possible 13 trials, at which she was found guilty of child abuse, sex offense, perverted practice, assault and battery of one of her former pre-schoolers in the Howard Circuit Court last week and is pending a maximum of life plus 5 years in prison, told the AFRO of her fascination with Colonial times.

She said she used to dress up like a "mammy" while she administered her daycare business and acted as cook for the children and staff.

"I like Colonial things," she said. "There's something about the country . . . the simplicity of the country makes me feel good."

Still, her happiest time is not imagined to be Colonial times. "I'm not sure if I wanted to go all the way back to Colonial times and make candles and wash clothes on stones," she conceded.

"I had big dreams, set goals, prayed for them and fought constantly," she said and in a hardened manner and in spite of the reality said "Nothing went wrong . . . maybe I gave too much . . . I wanted the best."

Saying she had positive images all of her life, she accused the prosecutors of making her look like Jack the Ripper. "They had to make me look evil," she stated emotionally, "because I had no evil. This is the reason why they had to make up these things."

"Why do I have to be guilty because I'm being tried?" she rebutted angrily to this reporter.

"I am not guilty of about anything having to do with sexual abuse."

"I fluctuate in anger and how one can be so petty because they were bruised or saw a threat . . ."

But anger burns up too much energy, she also stated, and clouds her mind. She questions the stamina of "these people programming their children with garbage for money or to get back at someone for pettiness."

Craig enjoys self-improvement books and her favorite novel is "Roots," the saga of one who dared "to hold unto his family name, and even though the odds were against him, endured and fought for his rights . . ."

"I had big dreams," she said. "Now they are on hold."

Her son Jamaal, 16, may also be imprisoned. Jamaal has a pending trial. He is being charged with the rape of two of the children who attended his mother's pre-school.

"Jamaal might go to prison, so might I, if justice isn't served," Mrs. Craig said. Admittedly, she's afraid for her entire family.

"I'll do anything not to go to jail," she said. "If I have to be behind bars, I'll do whatever I have to, to survive."

"But I see winning and the ability to get through this to help others so something like this wouldn't happen to anyone else."

"They can't take my dream . . . whatever the outcome, I'm at God's mercy . . ."

Miss Baltimore's Best

Here she comes...Miss America!!! Yes, it's entirely possible that the next Miss America will hail from right here in Baltimore.

She may be a contestant in the Seventh Annual "Miss Baltimore's Best" Scholarship Pageant to be held on Sunday, April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Omni International Hotel - Main Ballroom.

This event is a preliminary to the "Miss Maryland" and "Miss America" Scholarship pageants.

The public is invited to join Mayor Burns and the "Baltimore is Best" Program at the Pageant which is free and open to the public. Call 396-5785 for ticket information.

Free health tests

Free blood pressure (hypertension) screenings and glaucoma screenings are offered by Maryland General Hospital two times a month in the Maryland General Hospital Outpatient Clinic.

The free screenings are the first Tuesday of each month from 3:30-5:30 p.m. and the third Thursday of each month from 7:30-9:00 a.m.

Screenings for the month of April will be on Tuesday, the 7th, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., and Thursday, the 16th, from 7:30-9 a.m.

Maryland General Hospital is located on Howard Street and Linden Avenue.

For more information, contact Shirley Smith at 225-8800.

Smoking clinic

South Baltimore General Hospital, in conjunction with the Lung Association of Maryland, Incorporated, will offer "Freedom From Smoking," an evening clinic that helps smokers understand and quit their smoking habits, beginning Monday, April 13.

The cost of the seven-session clinic is $35. For more information, or to register for the clinic, call Reva Tiedeman, patient/family education coordinator, at 347-3807.

Breast cancer linked to fat

SEATTLE — Scientists are recruiting women to participate in what they believe is the largest diet and health study ever undertaken and aimed at investigating the effects of low-fat consumption on breast cancer rates.

The study seeks to determine whether reducing fat from 40 percent to 20 percent of the total calories consumed can reduce the incidence of breast cancer.

"There has been a lot of research into the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer but nothing's been done in terms of prevention," Dr. Maureen Henderson said Monday.

Henderson is head of cancer prevention research at the Ford Hutchinson Cancer Center and chief investigator in the study. The Group Health Cooperative of Puget Sound also is participating and the National Cancer Institute is coordinator.

The project eventually will involve up to 30 clinics throughout the country and follow 30,000 women nationally over 10 years. The national study is expected to cost about $100 million.

Clinical center in Seattle, Houston and Cincinnati will launch the full-scale trial this year, Hutchinson officials said. Other centers will be brought into the study during the second and third years of the study, they said.

Each center will need to recruit 1,000 women between the ages of 45 and 69 who have an increased risk of breast cancer, the researchers said. Hutchinson has begun recruiting participants.

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House panel okays ban on minors' death penalty

By Quincey Johnson

ANNAPOLIS (UPI) — Minors under the age of 16 who commit murder would be exempted from the death penalty under a bill that has cleared the House Judiciary Committee after years of failed attempts to get the bill through.

The Senate already narrowly passed a bill that exempts minors under the age of 18. The House Judiciary Committee amended the Senate bill, changing the age exemption to under 16.

Gov. William Schaefer said Tuesday he would have preferred the Senate version of the bill.

"If 18 years old would have passed. I would have signed it," Schaefer said. "I would hope they would raise it to 18.. I don't think it does anything that is not there (in the law)."

Schaefer would not say if he would veto the House version of the bill if it is enacted.

By a 13-9 vote, the House Judiciary Committee Monday approved the bill, which is expected to go before the House of Delegates Wednesday.

Last month, the House committee had killed a similar House bill by a 9-8 vote, but some supporters of the bill were not present for that vote, committee members said.

The measure has received the support of the Maryland Catholic Conference and Amnesty International.

House committee members said that passing some sort of death penalty bill for minors is necessary.

"That would be a serious indictment of the country," said Del. Kenneth Montague, D-Baltimore, referring to putting minors to death. "It's just should not be the statement you would want to send from a civilized society."

"The death penalty is not the way to solve problems. And killing minors is ten times worst," said Del. Ralph Hughes, D-Baltimore. "I would have preferred 18 years old, but at least we could get something."

Opponents of the bill contend that murderers - no matter how old - should know they will have to pay the ultimate price for their crime.

Del. Kenneth Masters, D-Baltimore County and vice chairman of the Judiciary Committee, said he was against the bill.

"For someone under 18 years old to be sentenced to death, the crime has to be awfully egregious," Masters said. "If such a bill were passed, it's highly predictable that some drugs dealers would get young people as hitmen."

Masters added that the 16-year-old amendment could make the bill mere symbolic than substantive, because murderers under 16 are unlikely to face the death penalty.

Currently, there is one man on Maryland's death row - Lawrence Johnson - who was 17 when he has charged with rape and murder of a Sinai Hospital worker in Baltimore in 1980.

Rep. Kweisi Mfume (D.-Md.), a member of the House Committee on Small Business, introduced legislation recently to block Reagan Administration plans to transfer the Minority Business Development Agency to the authority of the Small Business Administration. Mfume said a transfer to SBA would mean almost certain demise for MBDA, an agency created by Executive Order in 1969 to serve minority enterprises around the nation. MBDA currently exists under the authority of the Department of Commerce. Shown with Rep. Mfume (center) are Rep. John Lewis of Georgia (left) and Floyd Flake of New York.

Historic job opportunities in Ocean City announced

The Ocean City Opportunity Council (OCOC), created to encourage and assist blacks in seeking all types of jobs in Ocean City has opened its doors to employers and job seekers.

OCOC was formally inaugurated in a ribbon - cutting ceremony at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday March 31, at the Berlin Community Improvement Association Building on Flower Street in Berlin.

A partnership involving representatives of the Ocean City Mayor and Council, the Worcester County Branch of the NAACP, the nine - member OCOC Board has adopted these goals for 1987:

- substantially increase black employment in Ocean City;
- reduce fears of area black youth regarding Ocean City employment; and
- enhance sensitivity of some Ocean City employers to the need for equal opportunity.

Among those who made remarks at the ribbon - cutting ceremony marking OCOC's establishment in a suite of offices in the heart of Berlin are Mayors Roland Powell of Ocean City and John Burbage of Berlin; James Purnell, president of the Worcester County NAACP and OCOC Treasurer; Chairman Bennett Bozman of the Worcester County Commission; Gabriel Purnell, chairman of the Board of OCOC; and Betty Brown, executive director of OCOC.

Gabriel Purnell, who led the discussions with city and county who want willing, capable workers to contact us without obligation." Mrs. Brown, a Snow officials which followed the NAACP's July 5, 1986 Jobs and Freedom March on Ocean City, said that the March 31 ribbon - cutting was "the most historic and profound event in the recent history of blacks on the lower shore. This marks a new chapter in our history as blacks and in Ocean City's history as an all-American town. By opening the doors of Ocean City businesses to black workers from the mainland, the resort has signalled its openness to equal opportunity for all."

James Purnell noted that Ocean City employers have had difficulty attracting local workers for summer employment. "The answer to this economic dilemma is right in Ocean City's backyard," James Purnell explained. "OCOC, with the help of the NAACP, will locate, prepare, and place qualified blacks in all types of Ocean City jobs."

Betty Brown described OCOC's plan of action for the three months for which OCOC has a funding commitment from Ocean City, Worcester County and the NAACP. "We will make our services known in the high schools, the colleges, the churches and in community groups. All job - seekers will be screened and prepared to work in the Ocean City employment environment. We will then match job seekers with available work. OCOC encourages interested employers Hill resident and veteran school teacher, pointed out that there is no charge to either employers or job seekers for OCOC's services.

Forum will study jobs for blacks in recreation, parks

Blacks and job opportunities in park, recreation and the conservation movement will be the subject of a forum at Morgan State University on May 7 and 8.

It is being sponsored by the Roundtable Associates Inc., a group of park, recreation and conservation executives and lay leaders.

Co-sponsors of the Forum are the Baltimore Department of Parks and Recreation and Morgan State University.

The Forum is expected to produce strategies and recommendations that can be used to generate favorable economic opportunities for blacks within the public and private park, recreation and conservation service and sales network.

"Creative Enterprising and Innovative Financing"; "The New Economics of Leisure For Blacks"; "Entrepreneural Opportunities and Pitfalls" are examples of critical topics that Forum delegates will explore. Dr. Ralph W.E. Jones (phone) 625-3041 is local program chairman.

The Roundtable Associates, is a professional organization dedicated to fostering the independent and unobligated debate necessary to assure that the park, recreation and conservation profession and its practitioners serve the best interest of all Americans - but black Americans in particular.

Principal offices of the organization are located at 404 Highgate Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland. For further information regarding the Forum write to: THE ROUNDTABLE ASSOCIATES, INC., 404 Highgate Terrace, Silver Spring, Maryland 20904.

Lottery introduces new instant game

The Maryland Lottery has announced its newest Instant Game "Money Tree" starting April 13. The game, as in the past, is very simple: All the player has to do is rub off all the coverings to reveal the four Money Tree number spots and the "Your Number" spot. If "Your Number" spot matches any one of the Money Tree numbers, the player is a winner and the amount of money won will be revealed in the "Prize Box."

Prizes equal $11,222,500 and include (16) sixteen $25,000 prizes. The game has 2,900,000 winning tickets ranging from $2 to the $25,000 jackpots, according to lottery officials. Money Tree is the third Instant Game within the last 12 months being preceeded by the "Baseball" and "Chesapeake Treasures" Instant Games.

Lottery Public Affairs Deputy Director Carroll H. Hynson, Jr. stated, "All profits from the Instant Money Tree Game, as usual, will go to the general fund. "The general fund financially supports public education, health, hospitals and hygiene, public safety and correction, human resources and much more. Last year (Fiscal '86) the lottery contributed over $323 million to the state's general fund, while operational costs have remained basically the same since 1983."

The lottery will celebrate its 14th anniversary in May.

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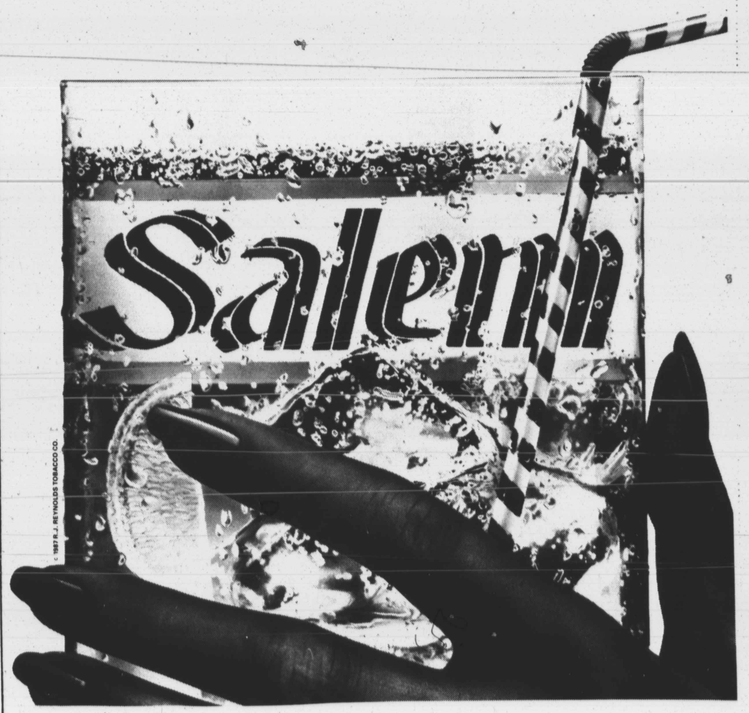
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